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Note: All times are listed in Eastern Time unless noted

[\(1\) 2024 Robofest Game Rules Finalized and Registration Open](#)

The 2024 General and Category rules have been modified slightly to add clarifications and FAQs. The updated category rules have been posted to the category pages on the Robofest.net website. Game Judge training presentation slides and video recordings will be uploaded in early February. General Rules can be found on the 2024 Main Page. US and International Sites now open for team registration.

[\(2\) LTU Open House February 24th](#)

Visit campus Saturday, February 24th, 10am - 1:30pm and join the deans and faculty from the Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Business and Information Technology, Health Sciences, and Engineering. This is the perfect way to get additional information about the programs that Lawrence Tech offers and get an in-depth knowledge of the technologically advanced opportunities that are in your future at LTU. This is a unique opportunity to tour campus and to actually speak with each of the deans from our colleges, as well as program directors and other faculty from the programs that you are most interested in. Admitted students will enjoy a special admitted student session. See the detailed schedule and register [here](#)

[\(3\) Pre-season Technical Workshop Schedule](#)

Workshops are available at no cost to registered 2024 Teams. Workshops are held in the Computer Science Robotics Lab, J234 on LTU's Campus. Robots and laptops are provided. Workshop materials will be made available on the eAcademy/Workshops page. Registration is open under [Available Workshops](#).

LEGO EV3 with Scratch for Game

Saturday, January 27th: 9:00am ~ 12:00noon

LEGO SPIKE Prime/Robot Inventor with Scratch for Game

Saturday, January 27th: 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm

LEGO SPIKE Prime/Robot Inventor with Python for Game

Saturday, February 3rd: 9:00am ~ 12:00noon

Intro to Exhibition using LEGO EV3 with Scratch

Saturday, February 3rd: 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm

[\(4\) Warmup Competition/Judge Training on February 10th](#)

We are hosting a Warmup competition and Game Judge Training on Saturday, Feb 10th, 1:00pm ~ 4:30pm in the Computer Science Robotics Lab, Room J234 on the LTU Campus in Southfield, Michigan. Teams who would like to participate should send an email to spalonis@ltu.edu. There is no registration fee for this event, but teams must be registered AND PAID at a local competition (or Pre-Registration) in order to participate. Please limit to one team per coach. Check-in for registered teams begins at 12:45pm

We encourage Michigan Site Hosts and Volunteer Game Judges to register and attend. Judge training will start at 1:45pm. Judge Registration: <https://www.robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/index.jsp?siteID=1484>

(5) Updates to the LTU Robofest Scholarship Opportunity

In order to truly recognize the effort and exceptional talent of the Robofest competitors, Lawrence Technological University has updated the Robofest Champion LTU Scholarship Award Offer for 2024. Each team member of the top 3 Senior Division Game, Exhibition, RoboArts, RoboMed, UMC and Vcc teams at the World Championship events will receive a scholarship certificate to attend LTU:

- 1st Place: \$20,000 annual scholarship (\$80,000 for 4 years)
- 2nd Place: \$16,000 annual scholarship. (\$64,000 for 4 years)
- 3rd Place: \$14,000 annual scholarship. (\$56,000 for 4 years)

Robofest participants who have competed at any time in any category may still apply for the annual \$3,000 LTU Robofest scholarship. More details will can be found on the Scholarship page:
<https://www.robofest.net/index.php/about/scholarship>

(6) In Search of 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-Year Coach Award Recipients

We would like to acknowledge our coaches who have coached Robofest teams for 5, 10, and 15 and 20 years! To submit your name, please send an email to robofest@ltu.edu with the subject *Coach Award*. Please include the coach name, coach ID (include all IDs used), and number of years coaching. We will recognize these dedicated coaches at the Robofest World Championship Awards Ceremony on May 11.

(7) MCWT \$750 Grants for All-Girl Robofest Teams in Michigan

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation, a Gold Sponsor of Robofest, is once again providing \$750 grants for up to ten Michigan all-girl Robofest teams for the 2024 Robofest Game and Exhibition competitions. More information and the 2024 season application are now available on the MCWT webpage: <https://mcwt.org/programs/list/K-12-Initiatives/ROBOTICS-GRANTS>

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